

“CONFRONTING CONVENIENT CHRISTIANITY” Pt. 5

I. ANALYZING THE HUMAN PROBLEM

II. APPLYING THE DIVINE SOLUTIONS

A. What Are They?

1. You need to recognize that the ultimate purpose of your life is to _____, not to be happy. (John 11:4; 14:13; 15:8; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Eph. 1:3-12; 2 Thess. 1:7-12)
2. You need to realize that our Lord determines the _____ for discipleship and service, not you. (Mark 8:35-38; Luke 9:18-26; 57-62)
3. You need to daily reckon yourself to be _____ to sin and _____ unto God through Jesus Christ and _____ yourself to the Lord to serve Him under the rule of grace. (Rom. 6:1-4; 7:15-25)
4. You need to _____ upon Jesus Christ via the _____ to lead and enable you to live a God-glorifying life. (Rom. 8:1-13; 11:36-12:2)
5. You need to remember that a yielded heart and transformed mind will result in doing God’s will which involves _____ service to _____ as unto the _____ (Philippians 1 & 2)
6. You need to take into account that the essence of grace is to _____, and to give _____; to give with no _____ of anything in return.
7. **You need to regard _____ and _____ as necessary ingredients for spiritual maturation.**

– The reality of trials (James 1:2)

- 1) Trials refer to the difficulties, _____, pressures, _____, and afflictions that you face in life.
- 2) Trials happen to _____... “*my brethren.*”
- 3) Trials are _____... “*when you fall.*”
- 4) Trials are of many _____... “*various trials.*”
- 5) Trials are always _____. (1 Peter 1:6a)
- 6) Trials are _____. (1 Peter 1:6b)
- 7) Trials are _____ for spiritual refinement. (1 Peter 1:7)

– **The reasons for trials (James 1:3-4)**

- 1) Trials are designed by God to _____ your _____. (1:3a)

- 2) Trials are designed by God to _____ your _____.
(1:3b-4a)

- 3) Trials are designed by God to _____ you _____. (1:4b)

– **The responses to trials (James 1:5-11)**

- 1) Response #1: _____ it _____ joy. (1:2a)

- 2) Response #2: _____ God’s principles and _____. (1:3)

- 3) Response #3: _____ to God for _____. (1:5-8)

- 4) Response #4: _____ God for what _____ matters (1:9-11)

– **The reward of trials (James 1:12)**

- 1) The reward is *for* the believer who _____ the trials
of life.

- 2) The reward *comes* _____ you have passed the test.

- 3) The reward *involves* _____ blessing in time (“*blessed*”) for doing God’s
will and the _____ of _____ later at the Judgment Seat of
Christ.